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President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama listen during the opening ceremony of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate in Boston, March 30, 2015. (Gabriella Demczuk/ The New York Times)

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BOSTON - President Barack Obama on Monday condemned the demise of bipartisan compromise in U.S. prompted voters to turn our institutions, and we

away in bitterness and "disgust," using the dedication of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute to call for a new era of consensus-building. "We live in a time of such politics that he said had great cynicism about all

are cynical about government and about Washington most of all," Obama told about 1,800 people in a speech here outside the institute.

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Officials: 1 dead after car tries to ram NSA's Fort Meade gate

MEREDITH SOMERS LOLITA C. BALDOR Associated Press

FORT MEADE, Maryland (AP) — Officers opened fire after two men dressed as women refused to stop Monday at the National Security Agency gate at Fort Meade and then smashed into a police vehicle blocking the road, officials said. One of the men died, and the other man and the officer were hurt.

A police officer and the other man in the vehicle also were hurt, the NSA said in a news release.

Investigators have not yet determined how the man in the vehicle died, and the conditions of the wounded man and officer were not immediately clear.

An FBI spokeswoman said earlier in the day that the incident was not believed to be linked to terrorism.

A senior defense official said the two men were dressed as women. That official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss an ongoing incident.

The car that rammed the police vehicle had been stolen Monday morning from a nearby hotel, said Mary Phelan, a police spokeswoman.

The NSA is headquartered work on the property. on the sprawling Army installation near Baltimore.

The FBI is investigating and working with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Maryland to determine if federal

charges are warranted, FBI spokeswoman Amy J. Thoreson said in an email. Local television showed two damaged vehicles near a gate and emergency workers loading an injured uniformed man into an ambulance. Aerial news images showed that one of the damaged vehicles was a white sports utility vehicle marked "NSA Police." Its front end was crumpled, and the hood was up. The other was a dark, unmarked SUV.

A building on the NSA campus was damaged by gunfire earlier this month. Authorities captured a man March 3 who they believe fired that night on the NSA site, as well as earlier at several nearby places and two moving vehicles. The suspect in that case, Hong Young, told police he heard voices directing him to fire on one of the occupied vehicles.

The gate that serves as the NSA entrance is just off the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, a scenic commuter route. In addition to the NSA, Fort Meade is home to the Defense Information Systems Agency and the U.S. Cyber Command. About 11,000 military personnel and about 29,000 civilian employees work on the property.



A Maryland State Police cruiser sits at a blocked southbound entrance on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway that accesses the National Security Agency, Monday, March 30, 2015, in Fort Meade, Md.

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Obama Praises Edward Kennedy; Mourns Loss of Collegiality

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The institute was constructed to help repair the reputation of the U.S. Senate, where Kennedy represented Massachusetts for 47 years.

"We can fight on almost everything, but we can come together on some things, and those some things can mean everything to a whole lot of people," Obama said.

In a 26-minute speech by turns hopeful and mournful that evoked Kennedy's thundering Senate oratories and his sometimes impish antics, Obama paid tribute to the man often called "the lion of the Senate" while acknowledging how the institution he revered had changed.

"It's a more diverse, more accurate reflection of America than it used to be, and that is a grand thing, a great achievement, but Ted grieved the loss of camaraderie and collegiality,

the face-to-face interaction," Obama said. "He regretted the arguments now made to cameras instead of colleagues, directed at a narrow base instead of the body politic as a whole, the outsized influence of money and special interests, and how it all leads more Americans to turn away in disgust and simply choose not to exercise their right to vote."

The president, who served one term in the Senate - much of it consumed with speculation over whether he would seek the presidency - indirectly acknowledged his own role and that of his generation in the transformation of Congress.

He noted that Kennedy had waited more than a year before delivering his first speech in the Senate's august well, an exact replica of which is the institute's most striking feature.

"That's no longer the custom," Obama said, to



Former Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-R.I.) speaks at the opening ceremony of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate in Boston, March 30, 2015.

(Gabriella Demczuk/ The New York Times)

laughter.

(He made his debut on the Senate floor just two days after being sworn in, in January 2005.)

Nor does Obama's style or temperament bear much

resemblance to that of Kennedy - where the president is aloof, disciplined and disdainful of the social aspects of serving in Washington, the senator was warm and often boisterous, and he excelled at the art of feuding by day but socializing by night with political adversaries.

Still, Obama and Kennedy forged a bond that helped propel the president to the White House, one that he acknowledged on Monday.

"He was my friend; I owe him a lot," Obama said. Obama routinely went to

Kennedy for Senate advice, including guidance before entering the presidential race in 2008. Kennedy's endorsement of Obama during that year's Democratic presidential primaries gave Obama the high-profile stamp of approval of a party symbol at an important moment.

The capstone to their alliance came in 2010, when Obama signed the Afford-

able Care Act, legislation that Kennedy had championed and that his wife, Victoria Reggie Kennedy, noted in introducing the president on Monday was "what Teddy called the cause of his life."

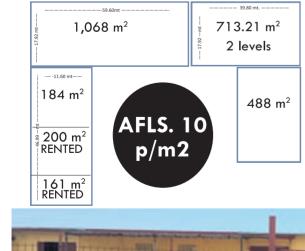
The dedication drew a host of prominent figures from both parties, including the former Senate majority leaders Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Tom Daschle, D-S.D., a tribute to Kennedy's deep relationships in Congress.

"He was an anchor to many of us in our personal lives, but he was also the anchor in an institution that we revered," said Vice President Joe Biden, who served for 36 years with Kennedy. He said the senator "treated me like a little brother."

Biden described how Kennedy acted as his "tutor and my guide" when he arrived in the Senate, squiring him around the gym introducing him to senators who were undressed. "God, was I embarrassed," Biden recalled.

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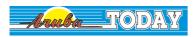
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Marathon bombing jurors see carnage photos, prosecutors rest

DENISE LAVOIE AP Legal Affairs Writer BOSTON (AP) — Prosecutors rested their case against Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev on Monday after jurors in his federal death penalty trial saw gruesome autopsy photos and heard a medical examiner describe the devastating injuries suffered by an 8-yearold boy killed in the 2013 terror attack.

But Tsarnaev's lawyers began their defense by quickly trying to show that his older brother was the mastermind of the plan to detonate pressure-cooker bombs near the finish line of the famous race.

One of the first witnesses called by the defense was a data analyst who said Tsarnaev's cellphone was being used in southeastern Massachusetts — where he was attending college while pressure cookers were being purchased north of Boston more than two months before the bombing. The analyst also testified that large quantities of BBs were purchased a little over a month before

mouth.

The defense has made it clear from the first day of testimony on March 4 — when his lawyer ad-



In this courtroom sketch, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, center, is depicted between defense attorneys Miriam Conrad, left, and Judy Clarke, right, during his federal death penalty trial in Boston. Prosecutors rested their case against Tsarnaev on Monday, March 30, 2015, after jurors saw gruesome autopsy photos and heard a medical examiner describe the devastating injuries suffered by the three people who died in the 2013 terror attack. (AP Photo/Jane Flavell Collins)

the attack in two Wal-Mart stores in New Hampshire, at a time when Tsarnaev's cellphone was again being used near UMass-Dartmitted he participated in the bombings — that their strategy is not to win an acquittal but to save Tsarnaev from the death

penalty by arguing that his brother, Tamerlan, was largely responsible for the bombings.

Prosecutors ended their case on an emotional note. At least three jurors cried and wiped their eyes with tissues as they looked at photos of 8-year-old Martin Richard, who went to watch the marathon with his parents and siblings on April 15, 2013, and was killed when the second of two bombs exploded near the finish line.

The boy's parents watched somberly from the second row of the courtroom. Bill Richard kept his arm around the shoulder of his wife, Denise, throughout the testimony.

Dr. Henry Nields, chief medical examiner for Massachusetts, said Martin received injuries to virtually every part of his body, including lacerations of his liver, left kidney and spleen, broken bones and thirddegree burns. His stomach was also ruptured.

Nields said he removed small nails, metal pellets, fragments of wood and black plastic from the boy's wounds. He also displayed the blood-stained, shredded clothing that Martin was wearing when the bomb exploded.

Two other people were killed and more than 260 were injured in the bombings. Prosecutors believe the brothers were seeking retaliation against the U.S. for wars in Muslim countries. The first defense witness was Michelle Gamble, an FBI field photographer who testified earlier Monday for prosecutors, describing various photos and a video showing the scene of the second blast both before and shortly after the explosions. In one of the photos, Martin Richard, his sister and several other children stand on a metal barricade. Tsarnaev appears to be just a few feet behind Martin and his sister.





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Sen. Marco Rubio to announce next campaign on April 13

PHILIP ELLIOTT Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Marco Rubio said Monday that he is planning a political event in two weeks in Miami to announce his plans for the 2016 presidential election.

The first-term Republican from Florida, appearing on Fox News, did not explicitly say he is running for the White House, instead telling would-be supporters to go to his website and reserve tickets for the rally.

"I will announce on April 13 what I'm going to do next in terms of running for president or the U.S. Senate," Rubio said. A first-generation immigrant whose parents fled Cuba, Rubio could make history as the nation's first Hispanic president. Rubio frames his pitch to voters as the embodiment of the American dream, a son of a maid and bartender who worked his way through



U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla, appears on "The Five" television program, on the Fox News Channel, in New York, Monday, March 30, 2015. Closing in on an expected announcement that he will run for president, Sen. Marco Rubio said Monday that he is planning a political event in two weeks in Miami to announce his 2016 plans.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

law school and now sits in Congress. His is an appealing story for a party that has struggled to connect with minority and younger voters. Those voters have been solidly behind Democrats in recent presidential elections. Rubio's advisers see his candidacy as a way to eat into that Democratic bloc, even if capturing it would be almost impossible. Rubio has said he would not run for both offices on 2016's ballots, and his team has been moving ahead as though it was putting together a White House bid, including donors who helped previous presidential nominees collect tens of millions of dollars.

But Rubio faces steep challenges to the nomination, including from his onetime mentor, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. Rubio could face as many as 20 other rivals for the Republican nomination.

Clinton: US-Israeli relations need to be 'constructive'

KEN THOMAS Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton said the U.S.-Israeli relationship structive footing," according to a prominent Jewish leader who spoke to the former secretary of state during the weekend.

Clinton, a potential Democratic presidential candidate in 2016, said the U.S. and Israel need to get

back to shared concerns and interests, including a negotiated two-state solution, according to the that Israel never becomes but the White House said it Conference of Presidents a partisan issue." needs to return to "con- of Major American Jewish Clinton has avoided pub- gotiating a two-state solu- good relationship with Ne-Organizations.

"Secretary Clinton thinks we need to all work together to return the special US-Israel relationship to constructive footing," the group's executive vice chairman, Malcolm Hoenlein, said in the statement quoting Clinton's comments. The statement concluded: "We must ensure

licly discussing American relations with Israel in recent weeks, which have been strained by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's opposition to Palestinian statehood and a late campaign warning that Arab voters were heading

to the polls "in droves." Netanyahu has backtracked on his statements had hurt prospects of netion. Clinton has longstanding ties to Netanyahu, who first served as prime minister during the second term of her husband, former President Bill Clinton. Hillary Clinton wrote in her latest book that Netanyahu was a "complicated figure" who

was skeptical of a twostate solution giving Palestinians their own country. In a 2014 interview, Clinton said she had maintained a tanyahu "in part because we can yell at each other, and we do. And I was often the designated yeller." Clinton spokesman Nick Merrill confirmed that she spoke with Hoenlein by phone on Sunday but declined to elaborate.



US Financial Front:

Business forecasters boost 2-year outlook for US economy

The Associated Press

business economics group has boosted its outlook for U.S. economic improvement this year and next, particularly for job growth.

The March report from National Association Business Economics forecasts more hiring, a lower unemployment rate, a lower inflation rate and more growth in consumer spending in 2015, compared to the group's forecast in December 2014.

The report, released early Monday, also predicts more investment by businesses in both equipment and intellectual property, as well as modest growth in stock prices. "Healthier consumer spending, housing investment and government spending growth are expected to make outsized contributions to the projected acceleration in overall economic activity. Accordingly, recent labor market strength is expected to continue," John Silvia, the association's president and the chief economist at

Wells Fargo, said in a state-

Other factors driving the improved forecast include an increased pace of activity in the housing sector, the strong dollar and continued low oil prices.

The report predicts the benchmark price for crude oil, which fell from \$98 per barrel in December 2013 to \$59 in December 2014, will average \$61 per barrel at the end of the year and \$69 per barrel in December 2016. Just three months ago, the group forecast that oil would spike to \$85 per barrel by December 2015.

The NABE report did contain some negatives, however. Those include a widening U.S. trade deficit in 2015, a 0.1 percent dip in 2015 hourly compensation growth from December's prediction to 2.5 percent, and scaled-back forecasts for 2015 corporate profit growth, down 2 percentage points to 4.7 percent from December's forecast. Meanwhile, 88 percent of the panel of 50 professional my should add 251,000 jobs



A customer looks at seafood at Hung Kee Fish & Meat Food Market in New York. The National Association for Business Economics has boosted its outlook for U.S. economic improvement in 2015 and 2016, particularly for job growth, according to a report released Monday, March 30, 2015. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

forecasters predicted the Federal Reserve will start increasing interest rates in the second or third quarter of this year.

Highlights of the association's forecast include:

-On average, the econo-

per month in 2015 and then 216,000 per month in 2016. —The U.S. unemployment rate — now 5.5 percent, the lowest in seven years — is expected to dip to 5.4 percent in December and then decline to 5.1 percent

-Gross domestic product is expected to grow 3.1 percent in 2015, unchanged from the December fore-

-The federal deficit is expected to total \$460 billion in fiscal 2015 and \$453 billion in the 2016 fiscal year.



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American Living:

Narrow Home Built In the Depression Seeks a Long Future

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MAMARONECK, N.Y. - The red-shingled house on Grand Street shares several attributes with its neighbors. It has three stories, a full basement, hardwood floors and a neat yard.

But one thing has always set this house apart, turning heads on nearby Interstate 95 and, last week, prompting New York officials to recommend its addition, along with 21 other properties and districts, to the National Register of Historic Places: It is only 10 feet wide.

Called the Skinny House, the gabled structure stitched into a modest street in this Westchester County suburb

has a back story to rival its unusual architecture.

It was built in 1932 by Nathan T. Seely, an African-American carpenter who, with his brother Willard, had a successful home-building business that catered to the waves of black Southerners moving north as part of the Great Migration.

According to the state's submission seeking a historic designation for the Skinny House, the Seely brothers bought tracts of land in the Village of Mamaroneck and set out to build houses, duplexes and multifamily buildings.

"The mission of the company is outlined in Seely's brochure entitled 'Homes For Colored People,'" ac-



Nancy Picarello, right, and her mother, Ida Santangelo, in front of the "Skinny House" in Mamaroneck, N.Y., March 25, 2015. State officials last week recommended that the 10-footwide home, built in 1932 by Nathan T. Seely, be added to the National Register of Historic Places. (Andrew Sullivan/The New York Times)

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cording to the submission to the National Park Service, which oversees the national register. "The opening paragraph states, 'Every colored man needs a home.'"

But the once-thriving business, which included a secretary, a lawyer and six Mack trucks, crumbled after the stock market crash of 1929. During the Great Depression, few Americans, let alone working-class blacks in service jobs, could afford to buy a new house. The Seely brothers' business went bankrupt, and Nathan Seely lost the seven-room house he had designed and built in 1926 on Grand Street for his own family. Created with his wife, Lillian, in mind, the house "showcased many amenities considered very modern at the time," the submission said.

But Seely's stroke of misfortune would soon lead him to erect the Skinny House.

In 1931, a neighbor on Grand Street, an Italian immigrant named Panfilo Santangelo, gave Seely a 12 1/2-foot by 100-foot strip of land from his own property on which to build a home. The finger of land, which Seely had earlier sold to Santangelo, ran between the two men's houses, including the property Seely lost when the Depression began.

"That's the kind of man he

was." Nancy Picarello, 65, said of Santangelo, her grandfather. (Picarello has lived next to the Skinny House for many years.)

With little money to purchase new building materials, Seely salvaged and recycled everything from railroad ties to windows to banisters - even a chicken coop - to incorporate into his house, which was 37 feet long. "He included elements of charm and conveniences for his wife as well," the state submission said. "Besides the three ornate gables in the front facing facade, he added a ledge for flowerpots just under the second level window."

To ensure that wind did not blow the house over, he fastened the structure to the ground with steel cables on each side that are still visible today.

The Grand Street home is one of a number of renowned "skinny houses" in the United States and Europe. Amsterdam stands out for its collection, the narrowest being a building at 22 Oude Hoogstraat that was constructed in 1733 and stands just 6 1/2 feet wide.

The neighborly origins of Seely's Skinny House set it apart from other similar structures, which are sometimes called "spite houses," because those who built them often did so to annoy their neighbors.

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Saudi-led forces strike Yemen rebels, blockade ports

AHMED AL-HAJ Associated Press SANAA, Yemen (AP) —

Saudi-led naval forces imposed a blockade on Yemen's ports as coalition airstrikes on Monday repelled an advance on the southern port city of Aden by Shiite rebels and forces loyal to a former president, in what appeared to be the most intense day of fighting since the air campaign began five days ago.

The move to block ports appeared aimed at preventing the rebels, known as Houthis, from rearming, and comes after the coalition achieved full control of the skies and bombed a number of rebel-held airports. The rebels are supported by Iran, but both Iran and the Houthis deny Tehran has armed them.

As night fell, intense explosions could be heard throughout the rebel-held capital Sanaa, where warplanes had carried out strikes since the early morning. Military officials from both sides of the conflict said that airstrikes were targeting areas east and south of the third largest city of Taiz, as well as its airport, while naval artillery and airstrikes hit coastal areas east of Aden.

"It's like an earthquake," Sanaa resident Ammar Ahmed said by telephone. "Never in my life have I heard such explosions or heard such raids."

He said he could hear missiles whistling through the air and see flames rising from a military area in the southern neighborhood of Faj Attan, where Scud missiles are believed to be stored.

Saudi Brig. Gen. Ahmed Asiri, the coalition spokesman, told reporters in Riyadh that naval forces are blocking the movement of ships to prevent weapons and fighters from entering or leaving Yemen. He said they had not yet intercepted anything.

The airstrikes have targeted at least nine of Yemen's 21 provinces and have prevented the Houthis from reaching Aden, the former capital of the onceindependent south, where President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi declared a temporary capital after fleeing rebel-controlled

Hadi, who was a close U.S. ally against a powerful local al-Qaida affiliate, fled the country last week, but remains Yemen's internationally recognized leader. The U.S. has provided support to the Saudi-led coalition but is not carrying out direct military action.

The conflict marks a major escalation in the regional struggle for influence between Saudi Arabia and Iran, which also back rival sides in Syria's civil war. leaders unveiled plans Sunday to form a joint military intervention force, which could raise tensions further.

Asiri said much of the airstrikes on Sunday and Monday focused on slowing the Houthi advance on Aden. He said the Houthis tried to fire ballistic missiles on Monday but that they malfunctioned. Warplanes then struck the force that had tried to launch them, he said, without providing further details.

The Houthis' TV network said the coalition bombed a displaced persons camp in the northern rebel stronghold of Saada, killing 40 people. Doctors Without Borders tweeted that 29 people from a displaced persons camp were dead on arrival at a hospital it supports and that it treat-



Smoke rises from an area due to Saudi-led airstrikes in Sanaa, Yemen, Monday, March 30, 2015. (AP Photo/Hani Mohammed)

ed two dozen injured, among them women and children.

However, witnesses told

The Associated Press that the camp — used to house people displaced by an earlier conflict that ended

five years ago — is now occupied by Houthi forces and that most of those killed were fighters.







Campaign begins for most unpredictable UK election in years

JILL LAWLESS Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister David Cameron paid a courtesy call on Queen Elizabeth II, then launched a most uncourteous attack on his main political rival as campaigning formally began Monday in the most unpredictable U.K. election in decades.

The royal audience — possibly Cameron's last as prime minister — came as Britain's Parliament was officially dissolved ahead of the May 7 vote.

Polls, bookmakers and politics-watchers say the election is too close to call, and no party is expected to win a majority of seats in the House of Commons.

Some form of coalition government is likely, and



British lawmaker Nigel Farage talks to the media as he launches a poster campaign for the general election for his UKIP party in London Monday, March 30, 2015. The United Kingdom will go to the polls for a general election on May 7.

(AP Photo/Alastair Grant)

smaller parties — such as the Scottish and Welsh nationalists, the Greens and the anti-Europeans could hold the balance of power.

"This is the most unpredictable election we have seen in our lifetimes," said Nigel Farage, leader of the anti-Europe U.K. Independence Party, which is popular support. "All bets are off." While issues such as the

currently running third in

European Union and immigration will play a big role in the campaign, both Cameron's Conservatives and their main opposition, the Labour Party, are focusing their pitches on the economy. Cameron said a Labour victory would bring "economic chaos" and threaten Britain's recovery from the Great Recession. "Debt will rise and jobs will

be lost as a result," he said. Speaking outside his 10 Downing St. office after meeting the queen at Buckingham Palace, Cameron said when he took office in 2010, "Britain was on the brink."

Now, he said, "Britain is back on her feet again," and growing faster than other G-7 economies.

But Labour leader Ed immigration.

Miliband argued that for many voters, that recovery "feels like it's happening to someone else, somewhere else." He kicked off campaigning with a speech aimed at reassuring business that Labour won't increase tax and red tape.

And he called the Conservatives' vow to hold a referendum on whether Britain should leave the 28-nation EU a "clear and present danger" to British businesses.

Britain's electoral system means only Labour or the Conservatives, as the country's two biggest parties, can hope to lead the next government.

But voters are defecting in droves to alternatives, including the pro-independence Scottish National Party and UKIP, which wants to leave the EU and impose tough controls on





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Greece PM says debt needs restructuring for repayment

D. GATOPOULOS R. CASERT

Associated Press ATHENS, Greece (AP) —

Greece will be unable to repay massive bailout debts without eventually restructuring them, the prime minister said, as pressure from lenders mounted on Athens to produce viable cost-cutting reforms to unlock emergency funds and prevent default.

Alexis Tsipras told Greek lawmakers late Monday that his two-month-old In Brussels, EU Commisfor more generous deficit technical work" even aftargets. "There is the rec- ter hours of meetings to the need to finally begin a ment proposals over the debate on the necessary weekend.

restructuring of the Greek debt," he said.

"Because without such an intervention it is impossible to repay it."

Greece's reserves are running low on money needed to repay debts and keep the country running after troubled negotiations with lenders and early general elections in January stalled the payout of more than 7 billion euros (\$7.6 billion) left in bailout funds for months.

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Brazil's ex-President Cardoso to defend jailed Venezuelans



Venezuela's Foreign Minister Delcy Rodriguez listens to questions about two jailed opposition leaders during a news conference at her office in Caracas, Venezuela. According to reports, former Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso will form part of a team defending two jailed opposition leaders in Venezuela.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

sity sociologist who was exiled during Brazil's 1964-1985 military dictatorship, said he accepted an invitation by Spain's former Socialist Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez to advise the legal team defending Leopoldo Lopez and Caracas Mayor Antonio Ledezma.

Both politicians led antigovernment protests last year that were blamed for 43 deaths. Lopez is on trial for allegedly inciting violence while Ledezma was removed from office and iailed last month for alleaedly conspiring against President Nicolas Maduro's socialist government.

The gesture is largely symbolic as neither Cardoso nor Gonzalez is authorized to practice law in Venezuela. But their support for the opposition leaders is bound

to irritate Maduro, who is under increasing pressure from the U.S.

In recent days, state television has run segments accusing Gonzalez of being a CIA spy and Maduro last week said the Spaniard was supporting a coup against him.

Cardoso said that he's prepared to travel to Venezuela to examine the situation. He also criticized Brazil and other regional governments for not doing more to hold Maduro's government accountable for human rights violations.

"Concerns about democracy need to be back on the front burner across the region, and especially in Venezuela," Cardoso, who governed Brazil from 1995 to 2003, told Colombia's Blu Radio on Monday.

F. SANCHEZ **Associated Press** CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) Former Brazilian Presi-

Cardoso will form part of a team defending two jailed opposition leaders in Venezuela.

dent Fernando Henrique Cardoso, a former univer-

Evo Morales' party loses La Paz in Bolivia election

CARLOS VALDEZ Associated Press

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — President Evo Morales' governing party suffered its most serious setback of nearly a decade in power in local and regional elections Sunday, according to unofficial results.

candidates Opposition won the governor's office in the La Paz region and the mayor's seat in El Alto, the capital's poorer sister The La Paz region govercompiled for three broad- prominent academic and cast networks showed. La a native Aymara like Mo-Paz's s opposition mayor, rales. He served as educa-Luis Revilla, was re-elected. tion minister in Morales' first In October, Morales won government. ment Toward Socialism federations.

(MAS) is less popular and has been beset by corruption scandals.

Of Bolivia's three most important governorships, a governing party candidate only won one - Cochabamba — on Sunday.

MAS held seven of Bolivia's nine governorships going into Sunday's vote. It secured four, while two were headed for runoffs, the unofficial results showed.

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Teen libertarian is face of Brazil's young free-market right

A. GOMEZ LICON **Associated Press**

SAO PAULO (AP) — Microphone in hand and standing atop the sound truck, the raspy-voiced protest leader jabbed his finger into the air shouting for the ouster of Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff, igniting wild cheers from the crowd below him.

"What Lula and Dilma have done shouldn't just result in their being banned from politics. It should result in them being in jail!" Kim Kataguiri yelled, denouncing Rousseff and her predecessor, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. The March 15 demonstration was the largest Sao Paulo had seen in more

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1984 protests demanding democratic elections after a long dictatorship.

But more surprising than the crowd of more than 200,000, according to the Datafolha polling and statistics agency, was the fact it was being led by Kataguiri, a skinny, 19-year-old college dropout, and other young Brazilian activists inspired by libertarianism and conservative free-market ideals.

The grandson of Japanese immigrants, Kataguiri is a social media star whose quirky videos skewer Rousseff and the ruling party's social welfare policies. His ascent as a protest figure

than three decades, since has been rapid. Two years ago, when protests erupted across Brazil over corruption and poor public services, Kataguiri was a high schooler who avoided the unrest.

> Today, he is the public face of the Free Brazil Movement, a growing force that is more focused than the 2013 unrest that expressed a wide range of middleclass anger. Brazil's new wave of protests are seen as a right-leaning movement clearly channeled against Rousseff and her Workers' Party.

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Demonstrators take part in a protest march demanding the impeachment of Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff, over an alleged scheme of corruption that siphoned money from the stateowned oil company Petrobras, in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

(AP Photo/Andre Penner)

mining the administration. Kataquiri and others are striking a chord with Brazilians fed up with soaring inflation, a high and growing tax burden, and those who blame government intervention for hobbling Brazil's economy, which grew just 0.1 percent last year and is expected to shrink in 2015. "We are starting to see an agenda that is very politically driven and clearly against the federal government and President Dilma," said Carlos Melo, a political scientist at the Sao Paulo-based Insper business school. Compared to 2013, "these protests are presenting very different visions." Kataguiri says he had a political awakening two years ago when he began questioning a classmate's position that a popular cash transfer program applauded by many experts around the globe was responsible for the expansion of Brazil's middle class and for lifting millions of citizens from poverty during the last decade. He believed the credit in-

stead should go to the country's commodities boom. "That's what has helped the poor," he said. He began posting satiric videos to YouTube, which gained a following. He joined two digital media collectives and produced more clips. Along the way, Kataguiri read the works of free-market economists Milton Friedman and Ludwig Von Mises.

His videos, in which he and his cohorts often don wacky costumes and dress up as political figures such as Fidel Castro, caught the eye of Danilo Gentili, a top late-night TV comedian who fiercely lampoons the government. The comedian asked Kataguiri and other young, anti-Rousseff producers and designers to help create a sketch before the October presidential runoff vote, which saw Rousseff narrowly beat her more conservative, market-friendly opponent. Today, Kataguiri and the Free Brazil Movement team work from an office that has a tech-startup feel, with two brown leather couches and a clothes rack holding costumes used in their videos.





Sail, Snorkel, Swim and Swing with Jolly Pirates



MALMOK - Jolly Pirates, well known for infectious fun during sail and snorkel cruises, has long been a favorite activity among Aruba visitors. Word-of-mouth approval has translated into online praise, and has brought Jolly Pirates and its crew recognition from Trip Advisor ranking Jolly Pirates among the top performing establishments from around the world.

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Kitchen Table by White: Fresh, Authentic Island Flavors

PALM BEACH - Island gourmands and vacationers who appreciate fine dining are buzzing about the unique experience of Kitchen Table by White, which opened in Blue Residences this summer. Helmed by Chef Urvin Croes, founder of White Modern Cuisine, Kitchen Table boasts that same attention to detail that made his first venture such a success, along with a vibrant, passionate staff dedicated to the concept of elevating traditional Aruban and Caribbean dishes to the realm of haute cuisine.

"Aruba has more than its share of French/Italian/ fast food restaurants and steakhouses," observes Chef Urvin, "but I honestly believe that island visitors

advancing to become at the famed Michelin 5* their Chef de Partie. Urvin further developed his culi-

rated Grand Restaurant Karel V, perfectly his art benary skills during five years fore returning to Aruba to

Sous Chef Ludovico Henriquez, and the Kitchen Table staff consiting of Claude Werleman, and Moises Ramirez are equally passionate about the concept of food as art. Watching them create the spectacular dishes in the elegant but cozy surroundings is a great part of the evening's entertainment.

The multi-course meal

as well as the tastebuds; the inventive uses of just-picked

open his own eatery.

Second in command,

regional flowers and herbs such as frangipani, moringa, mata di seda and koko robona are explained, so

diners can truely comprehend the careful thought and preparation that goes into each dish.

Rounding out the Kitchen Table culinary team is Restaurant Manager Carlito Castillo, who thoroughly enjoys sharing his love of fine vintages and has a deft touch at pairing them to perfection. His enthusiasm for the delicate art of enhancing the flavors of both the wine and food with an ideal match is as infectious as his ready smile and congenial charm. He spent ten years in the kitchens of the Royal Caribbean cruise lines, where as a novice to



the food service industry he discovered their wine cellers. His passion for the art won him first place among over 1500 employees during a stringent wine testing contest among all the line's culinary staffers.

The Kitchen Table by White was recently elected the number ONE restaurant among USA Top 10 Best Aruban and Caribbean restaurants in Aruba.

Discover island cuisine elevated to an elegant but intimate dining experience at Kitchen Table. Seating is extremely limited with only 14 reservations accepted nightly and four held for spur-of-the- moment gourmands. Reserve early online via reservations@ktbywhite. com or call: 528-7015.



are looking for a distinctive experience, not something they can have at home any time. During their stay, they wish to savor the authentic flavors of the region, and we have sought out fresh, locally grown ingredients and interpreted traditional island dishes in a manner to surprise and please the most finicky critic."

Urvin and his team are all graduates of Aruba's highly-respected EPI Culinary Institute. He continued his studies at the ROC Gildevaart College, Nieuwegein, then apprenticed at the Brasserie Goeie Luisa,

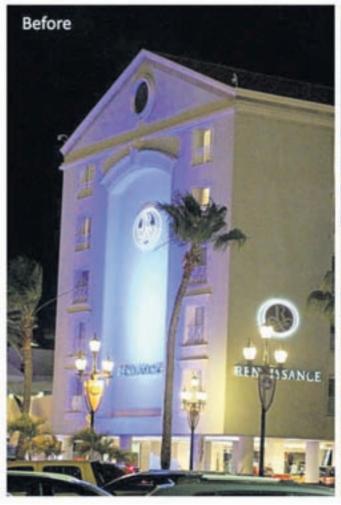




Highlighting Climate Change:

'Lights Out' For a Cause at Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino!

ORANJESTAD - This is the fourth consecutive year that Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino contributes to 'Earth Hour' which is an worldwide event organized once a year by World Wide Fund of Nature (WWF). The purpose of this event is to encourage households and businesses to take action on climate change and global movement by turning off lights for one hour. Last Saturday from 8:30pm till 9:30pm Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino turned off the lights of the parking lot in front of the government offices, all common light poles, parts of the Renaissance Marina Hotel façade, Renaissance Marketplace exterior lights, Renaissance Mall exterior lights, Seaport Casino exterior lights and signs and also the Crystal Casino tower. According to Zugheila Lindeborg, marketing executive of the company, "Renaissance Aruba Resort constantly supports activities that create awareness on importance of protecting our environment. This year our community has shown much more interest in the 'Earth Hour' and we are very happy to have been able to turn off the main lights of our resort and the area around our premises to contribute to this important cause". Next year (2016), Earth Hour will be March 19th from 8:30pm till 9:30pm local time.









Diamonds International Celebrates 17 Years





tional staff and personnel, lections.

Keeping with the celebratory theme, for the month of March, Diamonds International held a series of trivia challenges picking out a weekly winner. Winners won beautiful pieces

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years of support and is looking forward to the grand across the Caribbean and opening of their mall once as far as Alaska. renovations are final.

Diamonds International is Oranjestad, at Port of Call. now one of the largest jew- Open 9-6pm Monday elry retailers in the world. through Saturday.

ORANJESTAD - On March from the tanzanite, blue di- They have more locations other fine jeweler, and celebrated its 17th anniver- Diamonds International ex- a network that stretches sary with tons of cheer and tends a big thank you to from the company's New the local community for its York City headquarters into Mexico,

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Tiger Woods reacts after missing a birdie putt on the first hole during the second round of the U.S. Open Championship golf tournament Friday, June 15, 2012, at The Olympic Club in San Francisco.

Associated Press

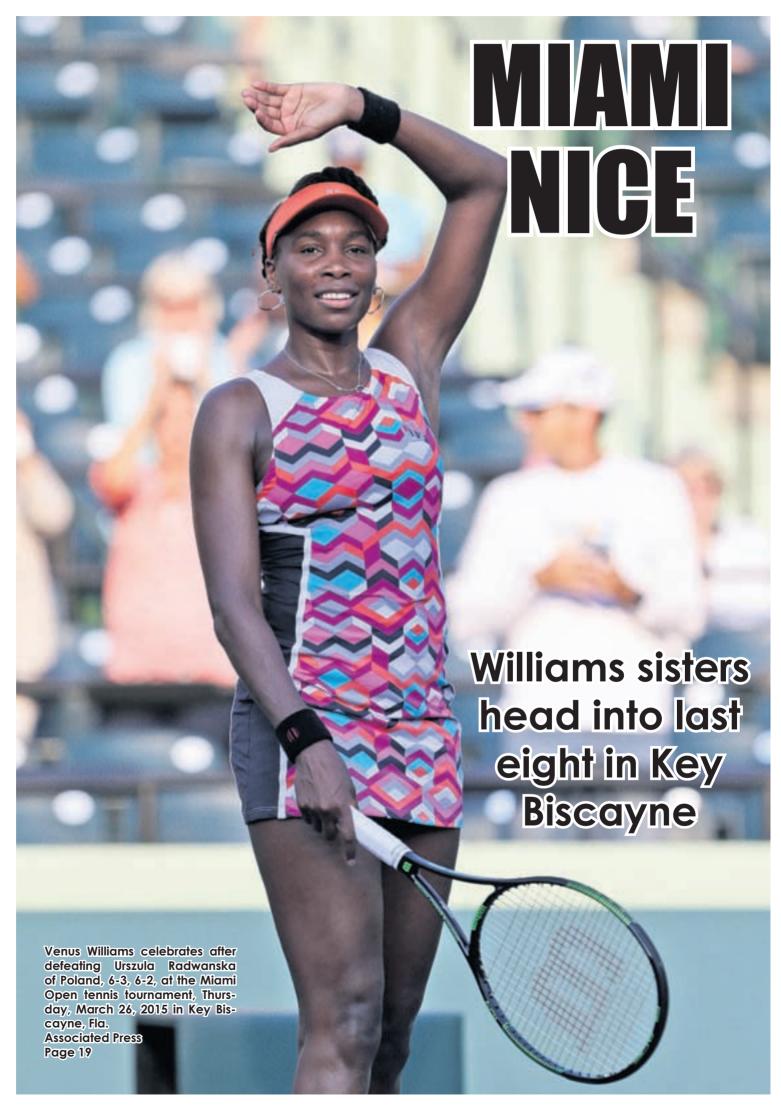
Woods falls out of the top 100 in the world

VIRGINIA WATER, England (AP) — For the first time since 1996, Tiger Woods is not among the top 100 golfers in the world ranking.

Woods, who hasn't played since he withdrew from the Farmers Insurance Open on Feb. 6, falls to No. 104 this week. The last time he was out of the top 100 was on Sept. 29, 1996, when he was at No. 225. The following week, Woods won the Las Vegas Invitational as a 20-year-old for the first of his 79 PGA Tour victories.

It is not clear when Woods will return. He said in February that his scores were not acceptable and he would not play until his game was in tournament shape.

Woods is not required to announce if he is playing the Masters until the tournament starts April 9.





NHL Capsules

Ovechkin, Chimera lead Capitals past Rangers in NHL

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Ovechkin scored twice and Jason Chimera added two goals in the third period to rally the Washington Capitals to a 5-2 victory over the New York Rangers on Sunday.

Ovechkin had a goal in each of the first two periods, and Chimera broke a 2-2 tie 4:41 into the third with his first in 21 games. He made it 4-2 with 12:20 remaining, and Marcus Johansson added an emptynetter with 2:23 left. Braden Holtby made 23 saves.

Washington, which has won four of six, rebounded from Saturday's home loss to Nashville and beat the Rangers for the first time in three games this season.

Kevin Hayes and Derick Brassard scored first-period goals for the Rangers, who lost for the second straight day and have dropped three of four. Cam Talbot was back in goal, one day after Henrik Lundqvist returned from a neck injury at Boston, and stopped 26 shots.

ISLANDERS 5, RED WINGS 4 UNIONDALE, New York (AP)

- Frans Nielsen's goal 16 seconds into the second period broke a 3-3 tie and New York held on to beat Detroit for its first home win this month.

The Islanders came in winless in seven previous home games, last winning at Nassau Coliseum over Calgary on Feb. 27, and with only one victory in their last eight contests overall.

New York quickly fell behind 2-0 before the teams went on to score six goals combined in the first 10 minutes of the opening period.

Rvan Strome, Kyle Okposo, Brock Nelson and Cal Clut-



San Jose Sharks goalie Alex Stalock (32) blocks a shot in the second period of an NHL hockey game against the Pittsburgh Penguins in Pittsburgh Sunday, March 29, 2015.

terbuck also scored for the Islanders.

Tomas Tatar, Drew Miller, Niklas Kronwall and Pavel Datsyuk had Detroit's goals. **BRUINS 2, HURRICANES 1, OT** RALEIGH, North Carolina (AP) — David Pastrnak scored on a nice centering pass from Carl Soderberg at 4:23 of overtime, giving Boston a win over Carolina. The win put the Bruins three points ahead of Ottawa and four up on Florida in their race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Ottawa has a game in hand on both of the teams.

Ryan Spooner scored for Boston early in the first period on Pastrnak's assist. Nathan Gerbe scored for Carolina late in the second

period. PANTHERS 4, SENATORS 2 OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) —

goals and Dan Ellis made 25 saves as Florida defeated Ottawa.

The win pulled the Panthers within a point of Ottawa for ninth place in the Eastern Conference.

Jussi Jokinen and Dave Bolland also scored for Florida, while Erik Karlsson and Jean-Gabriel Pageau had goals for the Senators. Ottawa's Craig Anderson made 33 saves.

of the net with a fake shot, Jagr scored his second goal of the game at 13:57 on a wraparound to give the Panthers a 3-1 lead. Pageau scored at 17:39 for the Senators before Bolland sealed the win for Florida

After drawing Anderson out

with an empty-net goal. FLAMES 5, PREDATORS 2

Lance Bouma scored two goals to lead Calgary Flames past Nashville. Michael Ferland, Kris Russell, and Jiri Hudler also scored Jaromir Jagr scored two for the Flames, who ended a two-game losing streak. Roman Josi and Seth Jones had the goals for Nashville.

Playing their third game in four days, the playoffbound Predators' game winning streak came to an end.

Associated Press

DUCKS 4, DEVILS 2 NEWARK, New Jersey (AP)

- John Gibson made 26 saves and the Anaheim Ducks took another step to securing the NHL's best regular-season record with a victory over New Jersey. Ryan Kesler and Francois Beauchemin scored for the Ducks, who won their third straight and opened a three-point lead over Nashville and Montreal in the race for the Presidents' Trophy. Anaheim has four games left in the regular NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) season, one less than Predators and two fewer than the Canadiens.

> Dainius Zubrus spoiled Gibson's shutout bid with a goal in close with 3:25 left. The loss was the fifth straight for the Devils, tying their season high, and New Jersey was eliminated from

playoff contention.

PENGUINS 3, SHARKS 2, SO PITTSBURGH (AP) — David Perron and Sidney Crosby scored in the shootout, and Pittsburgh won its second home game in as many

After the Penguins killed off the final 3:52 of overtime while short-handed — the result of Patric Hornqvist's high-sticking double-minor Perron and Crosby beat Sharks backup goalie Alex Stalock to his stick side on Pittsburgh's first two attempts of the shootout.

Marc-Andre Fleury stopped Melker Karlsson, and when Logan Couture's shot struck the crossbar after Crosby's goal, the game was over and Pittsburgh (95 points) officially pulled back into a tie for second place in the Metropolitan Division. **BLACKHAWKS 4, JETS 3**

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Jonathan Toews deflect-

ed in the winning goal with 31 seconds left in regulation to lead Chicago past Winnipeg.

Toews' 25th goal of the season came after he redirected Niklas Hjalmarsson's long shot. Andrew Shaw, Brad Richards and Patrick Sharp also scored for Chicago.

Dustin Byfuglien scored twice on the power play and Blake Wheeler recorded his fourth short-handed goal of the season for Winnipeg.

Corev Crawford made 31 saves for the Blackhawks, who ended a two-game losing skid. Ondrej Pavelec stopped 20 shots in the loss, which ended his six-game winning streak. The loss also ended Winnipeg's fourgame winning streak at home.

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Venus Williams beats Wozniacki to reach Miami quarters



Venus Williams returns the ball to Caroline Wozniacki during their match at the Miami Open tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, Fla., Monday, March 30, 2015.

Associated Press

STEVEN WINE AP Sports Writer KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) —

Basking in her latest victory, a beaming Venus Williams stood near her changeover chair launching autographed balls into the stands, steering her shots with body English and applauding the fans who scrambled for the souvenirs.

For Williams, tennis is still fun. She's 34 but on the rise in the rankings, and she beat former No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki 6-3, 7-6 (1) Monday to reach the Miami Open quarterfinals.

Williams is a three-time Key Biscayne champion, but her most recent title came in 2001. Seeded 16th, she's into the quarterfinals at the tournament for the first time since 2012.

"Tennis has always been a blast," Williams said. "But, you know, I'm feeling good out there."

Kuznetsova 6-2, 6-3.

made it to the final eight at Key Biscayne for the first time by beating 18-yearold Belinda Bencic 6-4, 7-6

In men's third-round play, four-time champion Novak Djokovic defeated qualifier Steve Darcis 6-0, 7-5 and will next face Alexandr Dolgopolov. No. 4 Kei Nishikori and No. 5 Milos Raonic also won.

No. 22 John Isner, the Ione remaining American in the men's draw, defeated No. 9 Grigor Dimitrov 7-6 (2),

While Serena Williams, 33, has been ranked No. 1 for the past two years, Venus' fortunes are only lately on the upswing after health issues caused a long slump that stirred retirement speculation.

In January at the Australian Open, she reached her first Grand Slam quarterfinal in five years before losing. and with the victory over Wozniacki, she's 4-0 in 2015 against top-10 players.

She could meet her sister Venus skipped Indian Wells, Serena in the final. Serena, where Serena recently who has won the tourna- ended a 14-year family ment a record seven times, boycott after being booed advanced by beating there as a teenager. Ve-2006 champion Svetlana nus said it was wonderful to see the warm reception American Sloane Stephens her sister received there this month, but was noncommittal regarding whether she'll return.

Given the way she's playina lately, she might have several chances. Williams credits her persistence and optimistic nature for her recent resurgence, which comes more than three years after she was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease that can cause joint pain and sap energy. "I don't give up, and I believe in myself no matter

what the odds are and what you may experience," she said. "I have always seen it as something to overcome, and not something that could stop

Unlike her sister, she has never tired of tennis, a problem for some top players even before their skills decline.

"I never get bored, actually," Venus said. "Tennis is

definitely not pushing paper. I mean, when you get out there you have no idea what's going to happen in the point. You can try to plan it the best you can, but it's all up in the air. You have to improvise every single time. That never gets boring."m Williams won Monday with her familiar high-wire approach, swinging aggressively from the baseline.





Falcons fined, lose draft pick for pumping in fake noise

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL has fined the Atlanta Falcons, stripped the organization of a draft pick and suspended team president Rich McKay from the league's Competition Committee beginning April 1 following the team's use of fake noise at home games.

In statement released Monday, the league announced that the Falcons have been fined \$350,000 and will forfeit their fifth-round selection in the 2016 draft. If the Falcons have multiple picks in that round, the highest selection will be forfeited.

The NFL noted throughout the 2013 season and into the 2014 season the Falcons violated league rules that state "at no point during the game can artificial crowd noise or amplified crowd noise be played in the stadium."

The league also said Roddy White, the team's former director of event marketing, was directly responsible for the violation and would have been suspended without pay for the first



FILE - In this Dec. 29, 2014, file photo, Atlanta Falcons owner Arthur Blank pauses while speaking at a news conference in Atlanta.

Associated Press

eight weeks of the 2015 regular season had he still been with the club. The Falcons fired him. The league determined that Falcons ownership and senior executives, including McKay, were unaware of the use of an audio file with artificial crowd noise. But as the senior club

executive overseeing game operations, McKay bears some responsibility for ensuring that team employees comply with league rules. McKay can pe-Commissioner Roger Goodell for reinstatement to the committee no sooner than June 30.

Falcons owner Arthur Blank told The Associated Press in early February that he had seen enough of the NFL's investigation to acknowledge wrongdoing by his club.

"It's not really a fine line," Blank told the AP. "I think what we've done in 2013 and 2014 was wrong. Anything that affects the competitive balance and fairness on the field, we're opposed to, as a league, as a club and as an owner. It's obviously embarrassing but beyond embarrassing it doesn't represent our culture and what we're about."

The Falcons say 101 of 103 games have been sellouts since Blank bought the team in 2002. Actual turnouts declined during losing seasons the last two years. Atlanta ranked 10th among the 32 NFL teams with its average home attendance of 72,130 in 2014. Construction is underway for a new \$1.4 billion stadium that will replace the Georgia Dome in 2017. The new stadium will have a similar seating capacity.

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Cristie Kerr rallies to end victory drought on LPGA Tour

The birdie putts had not even reached the hole when Cristie Kerr marched right after them because she knew they were going in. Sunday at the Kia Classic had a familiar feeling to Kerr, even though so much in her life has changed.

Four birdies in a five-hole

CARLSBAD. Calif. (AP) — now it has. Just so proud." Kerr ended 42 straight LPGA events without a victory dating to the 2013 Kingsmill Championship. She finished at 20-under 268, breaking by six shots the 72-hole scoring record at a tournament that began in 2010. It also ended a streak of seven consecutive LPGA

women's golf didn't make another birdie the rest of the way. She lipped out on a 5-foot putt on the 16th and finished with a threeputt bogey on the 18th for a 67 to finish third.

It was her 28th consecutive round under par on the LPGA Tour, one short of the record Annika Sorenstam

week," Kerr said. "He said I was going to have a hot round, and he was right. I just found something. I'm just real happy right now." Having her son around made it all the more sweet-

"I think when I got in contention last year, I thought about winning a little too much, wanting him to be on the green," Kerr said. "But you know, everything happens for a reason, and

last year he couldn't have run out to meet me. So maybe that was fate, too. But it was just huge."

Ilhee Lee became the third player this week to match the course record with a 64. Morgan Pressel had a 64 in the second round, and Se Ri Pak had one in third Saturday.

Allison Lee (71) finished alone in fourth, while Inbee Park had a late surge for a 67 to finish fifth.

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Cristie Kerr holds up the trophy after winning the LPGA Kia Classic golf tournament Sunday, March 29, 2015 in Carlsbad, Calif.

Associated Press

three-shot deficit in the final round at Aviara Golf Club. Four straight birdies on the back nine enabled her to pull away from Mirim Lee and 17-year-old Lydia Ko. 65 for a two-shot victory, the 17th of her career, this one different from all the others. Before posing with the trophy, Kerr first clutched her 15-month-old son, Mason, to celebrate her first win as

stretch helped Kerr erase a

"I could just tell by everybody's reaction that I had won," Kerr said. "It was just amazing having him there, and he just gave me a big smile and a squeak. He's screaming now. That's his thing, and I always hoped this day would come. And

events won by South Korean-born players dating to the CME Group Tour Championship last year.

"I love to win," Kerr said. "Golf has always been great to me, always given Kerr closed with a 7-under me special moments like this."

> Lee nearly made it eight in a row when she drove the par-4 16th green to 4 feet for an eagle to get within one shot.

work out so well. She The 37-year-old pushed it into the trees and chopped up the par-5 17th for a double bogey, costing her any reasonable chance of winning. She closed with a 70.

Ko was tied for the lead with a birdie on the par-3 14th hole, but the No. 1 player in

set in 2004. Ko's next event is the ANA Inspiration at Mission Hills, the first LPGA major of the year.

"Last three holes were a little iffy, like yesterday, but 67 around here is good and I've improved my placing compared to last year, so a lot of positives to take from this week," Ko said. "And I'm excited for the first major next week."

Ko had her 10th consecu-But her next tee shot didn't tive finish in the top 10.

couldn't hold back tears after she won. The father of her caddie, Greg Johnston, died a week ago and Kerr said she wanted to win it for both of them.

"I've been working with a new coach, and I definitely found something this





NBA Capsules

Westbrook scores 33 as Thunder hold off Suns in NBA

The Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — Russell Westbrook had 33 points, nine rebounds and seven assists, and the Oklahoma City Thunder rallied from 20 points down to beat the Phoenix Suns 109-97 on Sunday night.

D.J. Augustin scored 13 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter for the Thunder, who ended a four-game road skid. Steven Adams had 13 points and 16 rebounds, and Dion Waiters scored 18 points.

pulled Oklahoma City away with a dominant final period and stayed 2 1/2 games ahead of New Orleans for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference. Westbrook was 10 of 29 from the field and 12 of 14 from the foul line while playing 38 minutes.

Markieff Morris scored 24 points for the Suns, who dropped four games behind Oklahoma City. Rookie reserve T.J. Warren had 18 points, and Eric Bledsoe and Marcus Morris scored 15 apiece.

SPURS 103, GRIZZLIES 89 **SAN ANTONIO (AP)**—Kawhi Leonard had 25 points and 10 rebounds, and the Spurs cruised to the victory.

San Antonio won for the 13th time in 16 games to remain sixth in the Western Conference. Tiago Splitter finished with 15 points, and Tim Duncan and Boris Diaw scored 10 apiece.

The Spurs shot 51 percent from the field and had 25 assists while handing the Grizzlies their third straight

Zach Randolph had 20 points and 13 rebounds for Memphis, and Jeff Green scored 19 points.

NETS 107, LAKERS 99



Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) drives on Phoenix Suns center Alex Len during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, March 29, 2015, in Phoenix.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Brook Lopez had 30 points and 11 rebounds, and Brooklyn kept up its playoff push with its third straight victory.

Joe Johnson added 18 points, eight rebounds and seven assists for the Nets, who moved a half-game ahead of Boston and Indiana for eighth place in the Eastern Conference. The Celtics lost 119-106 to the Los Angeles Clippers.

Brooklyn won for the fifth to a 68-47 halftime lead. time in six games to give DeAndre Jordan had 15 itself a chance at a third straight postseason berth after an underwhelming first half of the season.

Reserve Jordan Hill had 22 points and 16 rebounds for the Lakers, who played without Jeremy Lin and Carlos Boozer because of

upper respiratory infections, while Ed Davis was rested with Hill returning from a three-game absence.

CLIPPERS 119, CELTICS 106 **BOSTON (AP)** — J.J. Redick scored 27 points, Chris Paul had 21 points and 10 assists, and the Clippers earned their seventh consecutive

Blake Griffin had 21 points and nine rebounds for Los Angeles, which jumped out points and 14 rebounds, and Matt Barnes scored 18 points. Isaiah Thomas led the Celtics with 19 points. Tyler Zeller had 16, Kelly Olynyk finished with 14 and Brandon Bass scored 13. Los Angeles pushed its ad-

vantage to 35 points mid-

way into the third quarter. PACERS 104, MAVERICKS 99 **INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — C.J. Miles made a key 3-pointer with a minute left and finished with 28 points, helping Indiana to the victory. The Pacers pulled even with Boston for ninth place in the Eastern Conference, a half-game behind Brooklyn for the final playoff spot. Chandler Parsons led Dallas with 27 points. The Mavericks have a comfortable lead over Oklahoma City for the No. 7 seed in the

Dallas, one of the league's best scoring teams, played without Monta Ellis (lower right leg) and backup guard J.J. Barea (sprained left ankle).

HEAT 109, PISTONS 102

West.

MIAMI (AP) — Heat star Dwyane Wade scored 40 points one day after having fluid removed from his balky left knee, and Udonis Haslem set season highs with 18 points and 13 rebounds. James Ennis matched his season best with 16 points, Mario Chalmers scored 11 and Goran Dragic had 10 for the Heat, who strengthened their hold on the No. 7 spot in the Eastern Conference standings.

Andre Drummond had 32 points and 14 rebounds for the Pistons, who had won four in a row. Reggie Jackson had 31 points and nine

Miami used seven players in the second half, after forwards Luol Deng (left knee) and Michael Beasley (right elbow) got hurt in active defense for Houston, the opening two quarters. Centers Hassan Whiteside (hand) and Chris Andersen (calf) were ruled out before the game, as was Shabazz Napier (hip). And Wade had his knee drained after

being bothered by a bruise for several days.

CAVALIERS 87, 76ERS 86 CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James scored 20 points, Kyrie Irving added 17 and Cleveland hung on for the victory.

The Cavaliers earned their 16th straight home win despite being held scoreless in the final 4:04.

Trailing by a point, the 76ers called timeout with 8.5 seconds left. Nerlens Noel missed a shot in the lane and Tristan Thompson was fouled while grabbing the rebound. Cleveland called timeout to inbound the ball at midcourt. The pass was tipped away as time ran out. Robert Covington scored 19 points for Philadelphia, but missed two free throws with 1:07 left that could have put the 76ers ahead.

ROCKETS 99, WIZARDS 91 WASHINGTON (AP)

James Harden had 24 points and Corey Brewer scored 15, leading Houston to the road win.

Rockets center Dwight Howard had 11 points and 10 rebounds in 19 minutes in his third game back from a right knee injury.

Harden only made 7 of 20 shots but went 9 for 10 at the foul line. He added six assists and one into-thestands block of Bradley Beal's 3-point try with 25 seconds left.

Trevor Ariza, who left Washington as a free agent after last season, contributed 13 points, eight rebounds and which led by as many as 16 in the first half.

The Wizards are fifth in the Eastern Conference and could have guaranteed themselves a place in the postseason with a victory.

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Internet outages reveal gaps in U.S. broadband infrastructure

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FLAGSTAFF, **Arizona** (AP) — When vandals sliced a fiber-optic cable in the Arizona desert last month, they did more than time-warp thousands of people back to an era before computers, credit cards or even phones. They exposed a glaring vulnerability in the U.S. Internet infrastructure: no backup systems in many places.

Because Internet service is largely unregulated by the federal government and the states, decisions about network reliability are left to service providers. Industry analysts say these companies generally do not build alternative routes, or redundancies, unless they believe it is worthwhile financially.

The result: While most major U.S. metropolitan areas have backup systems, some smaller cities and many rural areas do not.

"The more rural the location, the more likely that there's only one road in and out of that location," said Sean Donelan, a former infrastructure security manager in the U.S. Homeland Security Department who now works for a cybersecurity firm. "If someone manages to cut that fiber, you'll generally see a one- or two- or three-day outage."

Despite its own warnings about such vulnerabilities two decades ago, the federal government has taken no steps to require Internet companies to have backup systems, even as it has provided billions of dollars in subsidies to expand broadband Internet into

"Our first responsibility is to make sure that people actually have service," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, co-chairman of President Barack Obama's newly created Broadband Opportunity Council.

In northern Arizona last month, tens of thousands of residents were

ternet and telephone service for 10 days.

CenturyLink, the broadband provider in the Arizona and Washington outages, declined to make officials available for an interview about its Internet infrastructure. But spokeswoman Linda Johnson said in an email that the company acts quickly to restore service and

Solutions. The number of outages on high-capacity fiber-optic lines in the U.S. has more than doubled in recent years, from 221 in 2010 to 487 last year, the Federal Communications Commission says.

A fiber bundle contains dozens of tiny glass fibers — each about the width of a human hair — that use light waves to transmit data. The fibers often are buried along existing rights of way for highways, railroads or pipelines. It is common for a telecommunications company to install the cables and then lease space on them to others. That saves money for everyone in-

As early as 1995, however, the U.S. Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology warned that the "power of optical fiber technology is diminishing the number of geographic transmission routes," concentrating the flow of information and "resulting in an increase in network vulnerability."

Since 2009, the U.S. Agriculture and Commerce departments have provided about \$10 billion in grants and loans to expand broadband Internet access. The departments said recipients were encouraged but not required to build redundancies into their proj-

The FCC says about half the rural U.S. lacks access to high-speed Internet service. It plans to distribute about \$20 billion over the next five years to support rural broadband, but it does not require recipients to build network backup systems



Cables connecting phone, cable and Internet service come out of a wall connector in the home space exploration engineering office of Mike Loucks Thursday, March 26, 2015, in Friday Harbor, Wash., in the San Juan Islands. **Associated Press**

without Internet service — some for up to 15 hours — after vandals cut through an underground bundle of fiber-optic cables owned by CenturyLink. Cash machines went down, stores couldn't process credit cards and even emergency dispatch service was lost.

When an underwater fiber-optic

"is constantly investing in its local network and strives to deliver new services and build redundancy where possible."

Companies have been deploying more than 10 million miles (16 million kilometers) of fiber annually in the U.S., increasing the risk of damage from backhoes, trench-

cable became wrapped around diggers and shovels, according a big rock and broke in 2013, some to an analysis by a network reliresidents of Washington state's ability committee of the Alliance San Juan Islands were without Infor Telecommunications Industry against outages.

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Late audits halt trading in Morgan Stanley-backed stocks

JEFF HORWITZ Associated Press WASHINGTON (AP) — Two major companies in a prominent \$1.4 billion Asia investment fund managed by New York banking giant Morgan Stanley unexpectedly told securi-

ties regulators they will not

file their financial state-

ments on time and froze

trading in their stocks,

actions generally considered to be cause for con-

The publicly traded companies, Tianhe Chemicals Group Ltd. and Sihuan Pharmaceutical Holdings Group Ltd., separately announced late last week that they would be unable to meet Hong Kong Stock Exchange deadlines because auditors

their financials. Both companies pledged to cooperate with the auditors. Tianhe and Sihuan are

valued at \$3.7 billion and \$6 billion, respectively. They are among 16 companies that comprise a private equity fund managed by Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, known as Morgan Stanley Private Equity

have not yet signed off on Asia Three, or MSPEA III. An Australian and an Indian company owned by that fund have already failed amid criminal and civil fraud allegations.

A spokesman for Morgan Stanley, Nick Footitt, declined to comment on the missed filings. A Tianhe spokeswoman also declined comment. Sihuan responded to some

questions in an emailed statement but said only that the auditors needed more time and that the company was operating as usual. The twin filing delays raise uncomfortable questions for Morgan Stanley, which picked the companies from obscurity then promoted them as multibillion-dollar growth stories.

Stocks gain on encouraging signs in spending, home sales

ALEX VEIGA AP Business Writer

Encouraging U.S. economic data and a batch of corporate deals put investors in a buying mood Monday, sending stocks sharply

rough stretch for the market most of last week.

Traders welcomed a government report showing that consumer spending and incomes rose in February. Another report hinted crude oil. Several drugmakers soared on merger news. "You had all the elements today for a positive market," said Quincy Krosby, market strategist for Prudential Financial.

the year.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 25.22 points, or 1.2 percent, to 2,086.24, while the Nasdaq composite gained 56.22 points, or 1.2 percent, to 4,947.44. Both indexes are also up for

Investors have their eye on economic data as they look ahead to the next round of corporate earnings, beginning next week. While a clutch of weakerthan-expected data sent the market lower much of last week, positive economic news got Monday's rally going early.

In Europe, a survey from European Commission showed that economic sentiment across the 19-country eurozone was at its highest level since July 2011. In Asia, Chinese stocks soared on hopes of more economic stimulus.

In the U.S., the government said that consumer spending edged up 0.1 percent in February following two straight monthly declines, while consumers' incomes rose a solid 0.4 percent. The National Association

of Realtors reported that its index of pending home sales rose to its highest level since June 2013.

"Today's data suggest that the economy is going to be stronger in the next quarter starting in April," Krosby said. Expectations that any increase in the Federal Reserve's key interest rate this year will be gradual also helped lift the market. On Friday, Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said in a speech that continued improvement in the U.S. economy means an increase in the Fed's key interest rate could come later this year, but would likely be gradual.

"The market takes some confidence in that," said Erik Davidson, chief investment officer for Wells Fargo Private Bank.

All told, the 10 sectors in the S&P 500 rose, with energy stocks notching the biggest gain. The sector rose 2.1 percent. It's still down 2.7 percent for the year. Analog Devices led all stocks in the S&P 500, climbing \$5.97, or 10.2 percent, to \$64.81.



Trader Jason Harper, left, and specialist Mario Picone work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Encouraging U.S. economic data and a batch of corporate deals put investors in a (AP Photo/Richard Drew) buying mood Monday, sending stocks sharply higher.

The broad rally nudged the Dow Jones industrial average back into positive territory for the year after a at strong start to the spring buying season.

Energy stocks were among the biggest gainers, bucking a slide in the price of

The Dow rose 263.65 points, or 1.5 percent, to 17,976.31. The 30-company index was up as much as 295 points. It's now up 0.9 percent for

Amazon offering to help get jobs done around the house

SEATTLE (AP) — Amazon. com is introducing a referral service to help people to get projects and chores done around their homes. The recommendation system, called Amazon Home Services, marks the e-commerce company's latest attempt to expand its empire beyond online shopping. It debuted Monday across the U.S. after several months of testing in New York, Los Angeles and

of Seattle.

Amazon.com's move poses a potential threat to other online referral and business rating services, including Angie's List, Yelp and Thumbtack, a startup that raised \$100 million last year from a group of backers led by an investment arm of Google Inc.

About 700 different services in major U.S. cities can be booked through Ama-

Amazon.com's home city zon.com, spanning from housecleaning to goat grazing. Amazon.com isn't charging consumers a fee to use the service. Instead, the company will collect a commission ranging from 10 percent to 20 percent from most of the professionals. All professionals listed in the service are vetted by Amazon.com, which is also guaranteeing all the work. Amazon.com believes connecting consum-

ers with handymen and home-maintenance specialists will prove to be a logical extension to its ecommerce business because about 85 million of its customers buy products that require installation or periodic servicing.

Investors haven't always approved of Amazon. com's efforts to diversify outside of online shopping, a push that has seen the company branch out into

making a variety of gadgets and running an Internet video service. The investments in the other projects have shrunk Amazon. com's profits and sometimes lumped the company with losses to the dismay of its shareholders.

Shares of Amazon.com rose \$3.21 to \$373.77 in afternoon trading. Its shares have risen more than 10 percent over the past year.



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An Unsettling Complicity



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LUANDA, Angola -There are
parasites of all kinds in poor
countries.

One variety is intestinal, the worms that afflict countless children. In a hospital here in Angola, nurses pointed to a little girl named Marcelina, who they said was at risk of dying from anemia caused by worms and malnutrition. She had so many worms she was spitting them up.

The other kind of parasite afflicting Angolan children is the crooked official, often working with Western executives. It's not a coincidence that Angola is a center for both kinds of parasites

"Much of the health care budget gets stolen," Rafael Marques de Morais, an investigative journalist in Angola, told me. "The biggest problem in this country is corruption."

When officials pocket health care funds, Marques de Morais noted, children suffer. Likewise, doctors and nurses sometimes take medicines from their clinics and sell them in the markets. At the first street stall I went to, I found donated Novartis anti-malaria medicine for sale - even though it was marked "not for retail sale."

What unsettles me is the Western role in this corruption. Western oil companies and banks work closely with Angolan officials, enabling the kleptocracy, and the United States and other governments mostly avert their eyes from the corruption, repression and humanitarian catastrophe.

A generation ago, the United States supported a brutal warlord, Jonas Savimbi, in Angola's civil war. He lost. Now, because of oil interests, we have allied ourselves with the corrupt and autocratic winner, President José Eduardo dos Santos, in a way that also will also be remembered with embarrassment. Secretary of State John Kerry visited for two days last year, and, in December, he hailed "the great dividends of our partnership with Angola." He and other officials have enveloped Angola in a big hug.

"Publicly, the U.S. is mute, or at most tepid, when it comes to the crushing state repression," noted Leslie Lefkow of Human Rights Watch.

Tom Burgis of The Financial Times has a powerful new book, "The Looting Machine," asserting that firms, including Goldman Sachs and Carlyle Group, backed an oil company called Cobalt in investing in oil operations in which Angolan officials secretly held stakes worth staggering sums.

Likewise, American oil companies like Exxon Mobil, Chevron and ConocoPhillips are active in Angola. Groups like the One Campaign have pushed to require international oil companies to disclose sums paid to governments so that the money can be tracked - increasing the chance that it makes it into state coffers and not private pockets. Europe and Canada are requiring their companies to make these disclosures.

But the American Petroleum Institute is lobbying hard to water down disclosure requirements. The oil industry apparently seeks to sustain an opaque system that has allowed the Angolan president's family to earn billions even as the country ranks No. 1 worldwide in child mortality rates.

American executives argue that it's naïve to hold them to international standards when they're competing with, say, Chinese companies, which excel at paying bribes. Chinese companies are everywhere in Angola; one Chinese executive estimated that 100,000 Chinese now work in the country. But, in this case, Europe and Canada are trying to raise standards. So let's not be Chinal

let's not be China! The way to help children like Marcelina, or the 150,000 who die each year in Angola, is not just to hand out medicines. It's to hold Angola's leaders accountable so that they use oil money to buy deworming medicine and not \$2,000-abottle Dom Pérignon. It's to support those brave Angolans like Marques de Morais who are trying to improve governance. Marques de Morais has tracked \$3 billion accumulated by dos Santos' daughter, the \$13 million refurbishment of the presidential palace, the Lexus LX 570 luxury SUVs given to each member of Parliament - all at a time when children aren't consistently getting 5-cent deworming pills.

I'm honored to be in the same profession as Marques de Morais. He went on trial Tuesday for criminal defamation and could face years in prison; if the United States wants to signal that it cares about corruption, Kerry could tweet his support and the American ambassador could invite Marques de Morais to a very public lunch.

The last time Marques de Morais was imprisoned, in the 1990s, he said he was released only when the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations at the time, Richard Holbrooke, visited Angola and insisted on seeing Marques de Morais - in prison if necessary. Angola hurriedly freed him.

In other words, we have influence, if we're willing to use it. And when children are spitting up worms and a country ranks No. 1 in child mortality worldwide, let's exercise that influence rather than remaining complicit.



When Nancy Met Johnny



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Today, concerned citizens, we will consider when we want our elected representatives to just throw in the towel and get something done.

This comes up less often than you might think. On a recent Wednesday, for instance, members of the House of Representatives had a choice between casting a meaningless "no" vote on a budget bill or supporting a plan that fails to do anything positive, including, um, add up.

The budget is not a real law so much as a blueprint of where the majority party stands. This year, the Republican majority in the House is in favor of putting a ton of new money into defense without actually paying for it. Plus cutting programs that help poor people, and ending Medicare as we know it for Americans now younger than 56.

Grab the picket signs, 55-yearolds. Once again, they're out to get you.

The bill I'm thinking of is different. It's a bipartisan plan cooked up by John Boehner and Nancy Pelosi. (Question: What do you imagine when you think of those two cooking? Macbeth or Cupcake Wars?)

The subject was another fiscal cliff. Next week, Medicare payments to doctors are scheduled to drop by 21 percent. The formula for reimbursement is all

screwed up, and Congress is always having to put in a last-minute fix. But this bill does not just kick the can down the road. It actually solves the problem. It fixes the formula and pays for the solution by raising the cost of Medicare for the wealthiest recipients. Plus, it's got money for community health clinics and the CHIP health care program for children.

Boehner and Pelosi kept their negotiations supersecret, but, when they unveiled their bill, the House members seemed pretty darned happy. The Rules Committee approved it Wednesday with a voice vote, and much self-congratulations. "Genuine bipartisanship."

"A kumbaya moment."

"This bill is not perfect." (Law-makers only call something "not perfect" when they're seriously trying to resolve a problem. Otherwise, it's the most wonderful and important piece of legislation in a decade, and it turns out they're repealing Obamacare again.)

You know there's a catch, right? Well, the Senate Democrats hate it.

They hate the fact that the children's health program, which they've been working on extending for another four years, will be extended for only two. "The Democrats are going to stick together here," Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio told The Times. "I don't see how you say yes to doctors and no to 10 million children."

And they hate that the bill includes the Hyde amendment, banning federal funding for abortions. This is a particularly sore point. "Our goal is to repeal Hyde," said Dawn Laguens, executive vice president of Planned Parenthood. "It's bad for women; it hurts their health; it damages poor women, in particular, and this is an unnecessary compromise." Laguens is certainly right about the Hyde amendment being terrible, and you'd be shocked if she felt differently about the bill. Planned Parenthood's job is to support women's reproductive choices, not keep the Medicare program from being messed up.

But the Hyde amendment has been in appropriations for decades. It's pretty much chiseled in stone. The pro-choice caucus in the House supports the health care bill, which the members have concluded makes no change in the status quo.

"I don't like it," Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Fla., grumbled in the Rules Committee meeting. But, he told the group that if Louise Slaughter, the pro-choice caucus co-chair, was satisfied "and Nancy Pelosi is satisfied, then I guess I should shut up."

Most of the Senate Democrats seem to have gone from declaring war to grumbling under their breath. You can understand why they're miserable. Some of them have been working on these health issues for years, and all of a sudden they discover that Pelosi and Boehner have made a secret deal without giving them the least bit of input. It is yet another bruising wound in the greatest enmity in Washington, which is not Republicans versus Democrats but House members versus senators.

Also, there was that unfortunate situation last week when the Senate Democrats bottled up a bill to help the victims of human trafficking because they discovered a tiny clause expanding the rules against funding for abortion. It was a totally righteous battle, except for the part where the Democrats had failed to notice the language was in the bill until the last minute. But now everyone is dug in, and if the Boehner-Pelosi bill passes, the senators will be helping the doctors before they help the sex-trafficking victims. So what would you do. people? I'd vote for throwing in the towel. When you're in the minority, there's a limit to how good any deal is going to look. Doing anything that's a little bit more than desperate paddling is an achievement these days. The Senate ought to pass the bill. Just don't call it a kumbaya moment.

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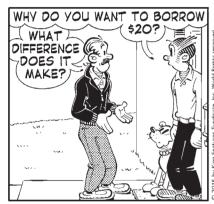
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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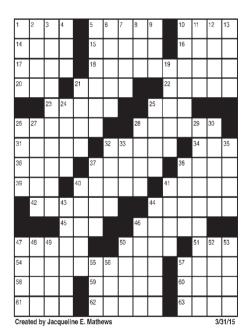
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Study finds equality between sexes at moment of conception

MALCOLM RITTER AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Every year, slightly more boy babies than girl babies are born worldwide. But back when sperm meets egg, the two sexes are conceived in equal numbers, a new study suggests.

That contradicts the idea found in many textbooks and scientific articles that males are in the majority at conception, researchers said.

And it implies more females than males die before birth, resulting in the excess of male births, says Steven Orzack, a study author. "We don't have good information on the cause of this difference," he said.

The work, released Monday by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, also estimates the ratio of males to females at various points in pregnancy. It finds a see-sawing pattern over that time in which sex is more prone to die in the womb, as various genetic influences take their toll.

"We're gaining fundamen-



In this 1930, file photo, a nurse holds a baby in the nursery of the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia.

tal new insights in the biology of humans in the first nine months of life," Orzack said.

That biology "unfolds differently, starting soon after conception, between boys tists from Harvard and Ox-

and girls," he said.

Orzack is president of the nonprofit Fresh Pond Research Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He reports the work with scienford universities and elsewhere.

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In general, around 105 boys are born for every 100 girls worldwide.

The imbalance, first noticed centuries ago, is a natural phenomenon not due to selective abortion of girls in some areas.

The study authors drew on a variety of sources for information on the malefemale ratio throughout pregnancy, including abortions, genetic sampling of fetuses in the womb, and fetal deaths.

To estimate the sex ratio at conception, they examined data on nearly 140,000 embryos that had been routinely screened at fertility clinics in the United States and elsewhere for genetic problems.

The embryos were 3 to 6 days old. Analysis concluded that by that point, the sex breakdown was virtually 50-50. So extrapolating backward, "the best evidence we have is that the sex ratio at conception is even," Orzack said.

The fertility-clinic data provide the best available stand-in for what happens in natural conception, the authors said; their analysis shows those two ways of conceiving produce identical sex ratios for babies at birth.

Scientists to explore USVI reefs as part of 12-year project

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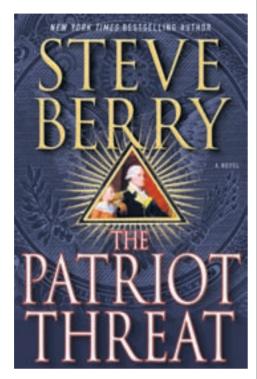


Cotton Malone is on the case in Berry's 'Patriot Threat'

JEFF AYERS Associated Press

Cotton Malone tackles a case that could cause an uprising over taxes in Steve Berry's new thriller, "The Patriot Threat."

A deposed North Korean leader believes he can regain his honor and return to power by bringing down the United States. He stumbles on the works of an author named Howell, who postulates that the law creating the federal income tax was technically a fraud, making it invalid. Evidence



This photo provided by Minotaur Books/ St. Martin's Press, LLC shows the cover of the book, "The Patriot Threat," by author Steve Berry.

Associated Press

suggests the scenario to be accurate, and he sees an opportunity to bring financial ruin to the country with an angry populace demanding restitution. He decides to track down the elusive author, but doesn't expect Cotton Malone to be hot on both of their trails.

What makes Berry's novels special is the mix of suspense with history, forcing the reader to ask: what's real and what isn't? Eight pages of author notes in date.

"The Patriot Threat" reveal the truth, and the author's insight is almost as good as the rest of the book.

The story line is compressed into a tight time frame, taking place in less than a day in real time. And Berry cleverly mixes the history of the federal income tax law with the creation of the Smithsonian National Gallery of Art.

Speculation and gunplay make "The Patriot Threat" one of Berry's best books to

Ludacris, Chrissy Teigen to host 2015 Billboard Music Awards

NEW YORK (AP) Ludacris and Chrissy Teigen will host the 2015 Billboard Music Awards in May. Dick Clark Productions announced Monday that the rapper and model will host the show May 17 from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.It will air on ABC. Nominees will be announced April 7.

singer-songwriter year.



Teigen is married to In this Saturday, March 14, 2015, John file photo, Chrissy Teigen arrives Legend. Ludacris hosted at the Comedy Central Roast of the awards show last Justin Bieber at Sony Pictures

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In this Nov. 13, 2011 file photo, Susan Schneider, from left, Robin Williams, and Zelda Williams arrive at the premiere of "Happy Feet Two" at Grauman's Chinese Theater, in Los Angeles.

Attorney: Robin Williams' wife wants his wedding tuxedo

SUDHIN THANAWALA Associated Press SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

The wife and adult children of Robin Williams agreed Monday to meet outside court to try to resolve their dispute over a tuxedo he was married in, photographs taken on his 60th birthday and other items belonging to the late actor. San Francisco Superior Judge Andrew Court Cheng told lawyers for both sides during a hearing to meet before April 10 and enlist the help of a mediator if necessary before returning to court.

In papers filed in December, Susan Williams said the contents of the home she shared with Robin Williams should be excluded from the things the actor left his children from previous mar-

She also claimed some of her husband's personal items were taken without her permission.

terrible injury" by trying to change the trust agreement and rob them of items that their father clearly intended them to have.

They said the belongings include clothing, watches, photos taken prior to his marriage to Susan Williams, and entertainment awards. Attorney Jim Wagstaffe told the judge that Susan Williams has agreed with how hundreds of items should be distributed and was trying to amicably resolve problems involving others. She also said she wants their wedding presents.

"I think we can work our way through this," Wagstaffe said.

Attorney Meredith Bushnell, who is representing Robin Williams' children Zachary, Zelda and Cody, said the public dispute has been excruciating for her clients. "We would like to see this wrapped up as soon as possible, so they can move Williams' children coun- on with their lives and conwas "adding insult to a the attorney told Judge said.

Cheng.

Robin Williams died in Auaust at his home in Tiburon in the San Francisco Bay

The coroner ruled his death a suicide. The actor's wife has said he struggled with depression, anxiety and a diagnosis of Parkinson's dis-

Susan Williams is also seeking clarity on assets and money that will go into a reserve account that she says Robin Williams intended to help pay for maintenance of their home, Wagstaffe said.

The lawyer added that a judge might have to decide what constitutes memorabilia in the dispute. Andrew Bassak, an attorney for trustees overseeing the estate, argued that the court does not have jurisdiction over the dispute.

Robin Williams was an intensely private individual who gave the trustees absolute discretion over how his personal property was tered that Susan Williams tinue the grieving process," to be distributed, Bassak





Trevor Noah set to replace Jon Stewart on 'The Daily Show'

FRAZIER MOORE AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Trevor Noah, a 31-year-old comedian from South Africa who has contributed to "The Daily Show" a handful of times in recent months, will become Jon Stewart's replacement as host, Comedy Central announced Monday.

Noah was chosen a little more than a month after Stewart unexpectedly announced he was leaving "The Daily Show" following 16 years as the show's principal voice.

New Jersey native Stewart is being replaced by the son of a black South African mother and white European father. Noah has an international presence, and hosted a late-night talk show in South Africa, "Tonight With Trevor Noah." Noah, who has appeared on Jay Leno and David Letterman, was the subject of a 2011 documentary film by David Paul Meyer, "You Laugh but It's True," which followed his career in postapartheid South Africa.

He will join Larry Wilmore, a writer-comedian who replaced Stephen Colbert in January in the half-hour slot following "The Daily Show." When Noah takes over, Comedy Central will have completely remade the one-hour comedy block that gave the network critical acclaim and,



In this photo taken Oct. 27 2009 South African comedian Trevor Noah is photographed during an interview.

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arguably, its identity. In an interview, Noah likened himself to Stewart, his soon-to-be-predecessor, as a fellow progressive.

"Obviously where you're from may inform a lot of your decisions. But traveling the world I learned that progressives, regardless of their locations, think in a global space," he said by phone from Dubai, where he is on a comedy tour.

"Although I'm a guy who happens to be not from the same place that Jon's from," he added, "I've lived in America for years before I went back out on the road and I've learned to love the place."

He dismissed the notion that he'll be "taking over" the program.

"I'm joining the team," he said. "I get to be a part of that as the host and a face, sharing that space with my fellow correspondents."

Noah made his debut on "The Daily Show" last December with a segment that poked fun at cliched American images of his native Africa. With a reference to the "hands up" gesture that was a symbol of protesters in Ferguson, Missouri, Noah said, "I never thought I'd be more afraid of police here than in South Africa. It kind of made me nostalgic for the old days

back home."

He played a game of "Spot the Africa," contrasting a picture of a gleaming new central African superhighway with a pothole-filled picture of New York's FDR drive he took from his cab ride into Manhattan.

Noah's selection means late-night TV continues to be a male-dominated domain. Tina Fey and Amy Poehler were among the comics cited in public polls as favorites for the new role, but there's no indication they were interested or considered.

"We love women," said Michele Ganeless, Comedy Central president. "We talked to women and we talked to men, and we really think we found the best person for the job in Trevor." Although at the moment he is less than a household name, Ganeless called his selection not so much a risk as an opportunity.

"He was poised to explode here in this country over the next couple of years, and obviously this will accelerate that process," she said. "But people won't come to the show with preconceptions. They will get to discover him, and form their opinions of him, as they watch him host."

Stewart has been a part of the cultural landscape with a bitingly comic look at the news and how it is covered in the media. He has not set a date for his exit from "The Daily Show" and, as a result, Comedy Central said nothing on Monday about when Noah would take over.

Stewart offered his endorsement on Monday.

"I'm thrilled for the show and for Trevor," he said. "He's a tremendous comic and talent that we've loved working with ... In fact, I may rejoin as a correspondent just to be part of it." In South Africa, the announcement made breaking news on a national television news station. On social media, Noah's name became a trending topic within minutes, with some Twitter users saying he not only represented South Africa, but also the African continent.

South Africa's main opposition party, the Democratic Alliance, congratulated Noah on his appointment. "This is a big achievement not only for South Africa but the continent," the party said in a statement.

"I'm sure he'll turn it into his own thing," said South African comedian Loyiso Gola, who now also hosts an International Emmynominated local news satire show. As comedy grew in South Africa after apartheid, Noah and his fellow comedians began selling out large venues, and soon began touring internationally.



In this March 18, 2015 file photo, Aidan Gillen poses for photographers upon arrival at the Tower of London for the world premiere of "Game of Thrones," in London.

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Aidan Gillen of 'Game of Thrones' narrating 'The Art of War'

MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — A new
audiobook recording of
Sun Tzu's "The Art of War"
will soon be available with
the perfect narrator — the
scheming royal adviser Littlefinger from "Game of
Thrones."

Audible Inc., the world's largest seller of downloadable audiobooks, is getting ready to release a new version of the Chinese military strategist's advice featuring the narration of Aidan Gillen, who plays Lord Petyr Baelish on the HBO hit show.

It will be available Tuesday. Gillen sees a connection between the book and TV show. "There's no way the writing staff of 'Game of Thrones' haven't read 'The Art of War,'" he wrote by email.

"There's definitely an influence on 'Game of Thrones' from this book in both a general way and on the character of Lord Baelish and his strategies."

"The Art of War" is one of the world's most revered books on strategy, emphasizing flexibility, postponing attack until circumstances are in your favor and urging readers to exploit any weaknesses. Many of its lessons have been adopted by the business community. The Irish-born Gillen's credits include "The Dark Knight Rises" and HBO's "The Wire." He has narrated a few audiobooks, including "Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha," a novel by Irish writer Roddy Doyle.

Gillen hadn't read "The Art of War" before he was asked to narrate it and said he went to look for the book in the politics section of a bookshop.

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